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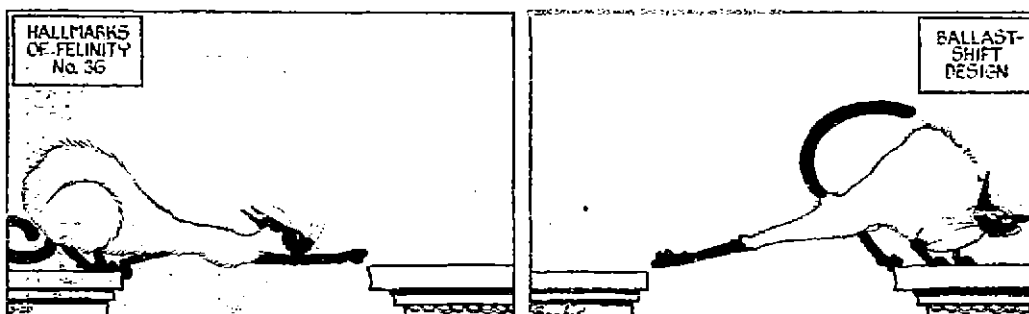
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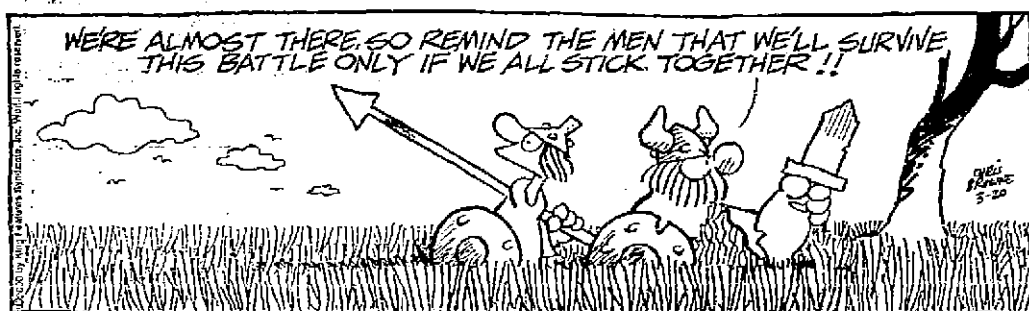
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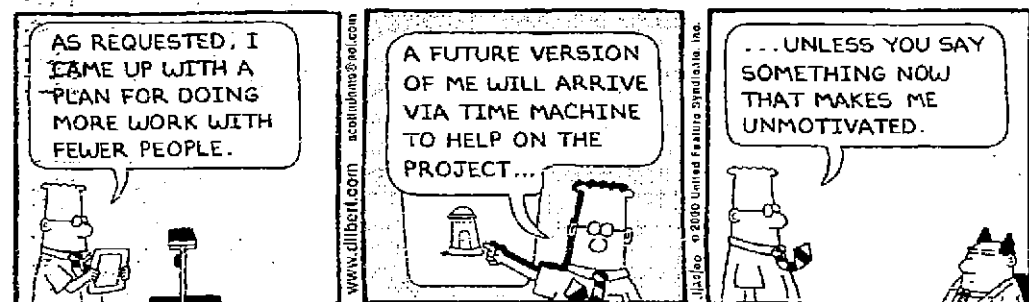
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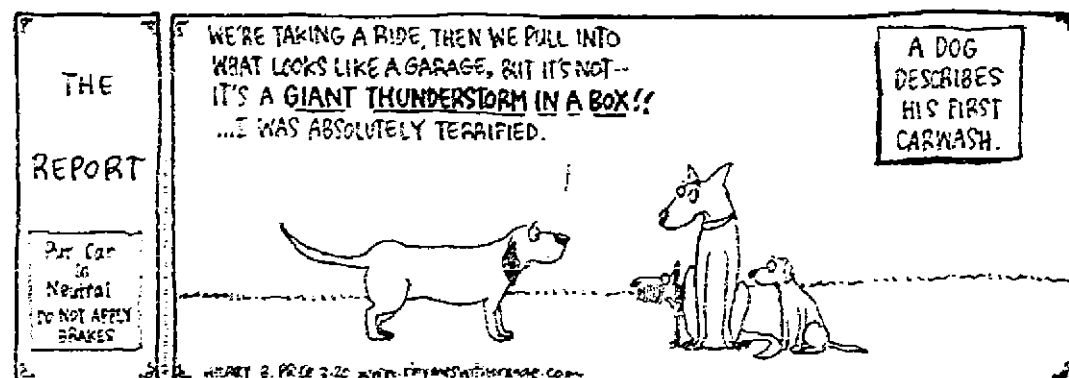
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Jack Kruschen is 78.
Producer-director-comedian Carl Reiner is 78.
Children's TV host Fred Rogers is 72.
Actor Hal Linden is 69.
Singer Jerry Reed is 63.
Former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney is 61.
Country singer Don Edwards is 61.
TV producer Paul Junger Witt is 57.
Country singer-musician Ranger Doug (Riders in the Sky) is 54.
Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Orr is 52.

I NEED HELP



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PAR SCORE 105-115
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each rack. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Letter values get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. A Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Mammey-Webster) and OSV Official Scrabble Words (Chamberlain). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 3-20-00 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

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O Z W T Q N J G D A X U R O L
I G D A X V B S P N K I F C A
X V S Q O L A J H E C A X V T
B R P N L J S N H F D B Y X V
T A R P O M K K D E E I G E D
B Z S A X W E S E C R U T R Q
O E T E L H T A V I O N R A L
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R I G F O A A N T H M D D R C
L A Y P N W L O C C E X E O W
V T S S O R L L A B T O O F P

Saturday's unlisted clue: OVEN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint: Competitive Sport For Cowboys

Active	Basketball	Football	Rare
And con	Bono	Formula	Sports
Athlete	Bowl	Life	Tempore
Baseball	Choice	Long	

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HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, March 21

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make sure you listen to what your body might be trying to tell you today.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so don't doubt a compliment that is given to you today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your family isn't able to read your mind, so don't assume they can today.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's never too early to plan for an upcoming vacation or getaway.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Avoid making spur-of-the-moment purchases today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Take a step back from the big picture long enough to notice the smaller details today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) There are far too many things going on today, Libra, so your best bet is to do as little as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make time for friends today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Moving on to another project before the first one is even started would be foolish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Connecting with friends and family who live far away is a perfect activity for you today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You must do some research before discovering someone's true colors.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) This is the perfect time to throw yourself headfirst into an interesting project.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

With scant hopes of scoring spade tricks, West chose to lead a heart. Perhaps he thought that doing so would promote

"something" in partner's hand. His desperate lead did not strike gold in hearts,

but it paid a huge dividend in other ways. Eyeing over-tricks and reading

West's heart seven as a lead from length, South confidently ducked in

dummy, and East won his king. East, who had a clear reading of West's

heart seven, shifted to a low club — dummy's weakest suit. South's seven

lost to West's eight, and West returned the suit to East's

queen. Now it didn't matter whether South ducked or not. When the

diamonds failed to run, the defenders took three clubs, a diamond and a heart for one down. South has little to

lose and much to gain by winning dummy's heart ace at trick one. If the diamond suit behaves, he doesn't

need the heart finesse to win 11 tricks. After winning the first trick and testing diamonds, he can safely es-

tablish a second heart winner if diamonds run. When they don't run, East gets his diamond winner, but it's

too late to attack in clubs. South can take nine winners to score his vulnerable game.

NORTH 43-54
♥ K 7 4
♦ A 5 4
♣ K J 9 7 5 2
♠ 4

WEST EAST
♥ J 8 6 5 3 2 ♠ Q
♦ 7 2 ♥ K 10 9 8 2
♣ 3 ♦ Q J 6
♠ K 10 8 2 ♣ Q 9 6 5

Vulnerable: Both

Declarer: South

The bidding:

South West North East

1NT Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart seven

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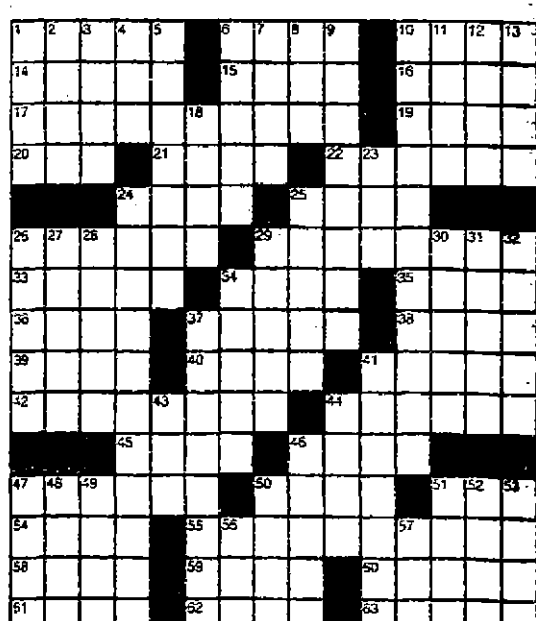
- 1 Thermonuclear blast maker
6 Trot or canter
10 "Listen!"
14 Golfer Palmer, informally
15 Killer whale
16 Place to put a thimble
17 Corporate recruiter
19 "Mama" speaker
20 Wheat or barley covering
21 Wild time
22 Sty
24 Sty animals
25 Identical
26 Quiet spot to sit
29 September birthstone
33 Market price
34 Treadmill unit
35 Keats pieces
36 Lemon and orange drinks
37 Like some renewable energy
38 moss
39 Gin flavor
40 Thigh muscle, for short
41 Garden tool
42 Long workday, perhaps
44 Pieces
45 Lena or Kan of film
46 Violinist Leopold
47 Philadelphia N.F.L.ers
50 Book before Romans
51 Disputed skill, for short
54 Didn't have traction
55 Snob
58 Fishing need
59 Buffalo's county
60 Jonah's swallower
61 Not far
62 Cub Scout groups
63 Besmirch

DOWN

- 1 Response to a comic
2 Make beer, e.g.
3 even keel
4 Atlantic
5 Serve well
6 Deep bells
7 Pretentious
8 Freezer stuff
9 Roofing material
10 Crop-dusting plane
11 Surmounting
12 "First in, first out," e.g.
13 Pottery oven
18 Impulse
23 Mischievous sort
24 Census taker's target
25 Meal gotten from a garden
26 "Stop!" to Popeye
27 Soup scoop
28 60's-70's Mets star
29 Manner of fiction

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

TABLA SPACECAMP
EQUIP PYROMANIA
LURES IMPRISONS
LAYDOWN ARARAT
ARI SOCIAL ARE
LINT MOWS URKEL
LAGO ENOS NESTS
MINT JULEP
TRES RIME APES
TIRUSH OMEN YANK
MOB GLAD TO SRI
ANIMAL NONSTOP
LOCAL AREA TIEUP
EROTICISM ACUTE
SENTIENCE PARER



Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

30 Think tank products

31 "The Cloister and the Hearth" author

32 Park, Colo.

34 Grieve

37 Stepped on, as a bug

41 Goes up and down

43 Miss

46 Buzzi of "Laugh-In"

46 Partner of pains

47 "SportsCenter" channel

48 Ingredient in facial tissues

49 monster

50 Opposed to, hillbilly-style

51 And others: Abbr.

52 Unload, on Wall Street

53 Zebras, to lions

56 Ill temper

57 Wed. follower

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